

## QC issues guidelines for event organizers

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said on Friday she approved guidelines that organizers of gatherings for community service or humanitarian purposes must follow in order to avoid ‘super spreader’ events.

First, the event organizer has to notify the city government, particularly the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) at least five days in advance. Events like this in Barangay Matandang Balara and Barangay Holy Spirit in the past weeks resulted in a number of Covid-19 cases.

“We need to impose stricter measures to ensure there won’t be a repeat of such incidents. Our efforts are just put to waste if there would be gatherings like these that result in a surge in Covid-19 cases,” Belmonte said.

These gatherings include but are not limited to medical missions, mass weddings, distribution of food and cash assistance, and the like, the city government said.

“Event organizers have the responsibility to provide appropriate crowd control measures to avoid excessive numbers of attendees and ensure proper physical distancing, such as through the use of marshals, stubs, coupons, and similar strategies,” Belmonte said.

In case of violations of health protocols, DPOS chief Elmo San Diego told The Manila Times they will bring the matter to the Law and Order Cluster, including the Philippine National Police, for appropriate investigation and sanctions to be imposed if warranted.

CHED QC to vaccinate frontliners

Meanwhile, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) partnered with the Quezon City government to vaccinate 300 education frontliners against Covid-19.

CHED said this is to “protect them as they deliver essential services to the clientele and stakeholders.”

“CHED is one with the whole nation in fighting Covid-19. The vaccination, you’re not doing it for yourself. You’re doing it for your family, for your grandchildren, and the people around you,” said CHED Chairman J. Prospero de Vera 3rd.

The vaccination of these frontliners happened at the CHED Auditorium in the commissions’ central office in Quezon City last Thursday, June 3.

Those vaccinated are education frontline workers included in the A2 (senior citizens), A3 (adults with comorbidities) and A4 (frontline education personnel handling transactions with students and the general public) priority lists of the country’s vaccination program.

“The commission commends Mayor Joy Belmonte for recognizing the critical role played by our frontline workers here in CHED, especially with the ongoing health crisis, and its effort to bring the vaccination in our central office to ensure a systematic vaccine rollout,” de Vera added.